

INDIANA MINERS OUT IN 'PROTEST' STRIKE

Spread of Walkout Against Injunction Halting 'Check Off' of Dues Is Delayed.

WAIT OPERATORS' ACTION

Union and Coal Companies Hasten Plans for Appeal to Be Made To-day.

INDIANAPOLIS, Nov. 2.—Delay in the spread of the "protest" strike of soft coal miners, started to-day by walkouts of 25,000 union workers closing more than 200 mines in Indiana, was anticipated to-night by officials of the United Mine Workers of America, who said developments awaited the discontinuance by operators of the union "check off" of dues from miners' wages as directed by a Federal Court injunction.

Indications were that union officials would not call out the men scattered throughout the soft coal fields of the country until collection of the "check off" was actually stopped by the operators. First official reports of action by operators elsewhere than in Indiana reached union headquarters here to-night, coming from the Pennsylvania bituminous district centering around Pittsburgh. The message from Robert R. Gibbons, president of the district, said the "check off" would be stopped with the next payday, the date of which was not given, but which indicated a probable delay in any strike order affecting 40,000 workers in that field.

Indiana workers, however, did not withhold their strike to await a formal notice from the operators, whose notice stopping the "check off" has been drafted by counsel for their association. None of the important mines in the State worked to-day and reports to both headquarters of operators and the union said that only sixteen mines were in operation.

The only court action to-day was the approval by Judge Anderson of a bond filed by the Boardman Coal Corporation, complainant in the injunction suit. The court action, followed by service of the writ on union men and operators, made the injunction effective. Plans for hastening the appeal of the injunction decision to the Circuit Court of Appeals at Chicago also were made by counsel for the union and the operators, but preparation of the numerous documents in the case delayed the presentation of their appeal to Judge Anderson. Counsel, however, regarded the appeal petition as a perfunctory request which would be approved by Judge Anderson as soon as presented, probably to-morrow.

COAL STOCKS FAIRLY ABUNDANT, REVIEW SAYS

Reserves for Two Months in Public Utility Bins.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 2.—Coal stocks throughout the country are fairly large, according to a study made for the National Coal Association by its official organ, the Coal Review.

Without comment upon the strike possibilities in the coal field, the journal estimated that retail coal yards have a three weeks' supply on hand, though domestic consumers probably have less in their own bins, while public utilities, gas and electric plants have reserves sufficient for between two and four months, and railroads have a six weeks' stock stored, and not including what is constantly on supply cars.

The study applied to the bituminous production chiefly, but anthracite supplies were also stated to be fairly abundant.

HARD COAL UNAFFECTED.

Bituminous Fields Alone Use "Check-Off" System.

That the coal fields producing anthracite, which is used exclusively by householders, will not be affected should a general strike be declared was the statement made last night by Charles A. Owen, president of the Tidewater Coal Exchange, Inc., and the Imperial Coal Corporation.

Domestic coal fields are not affected by the "check-off" system, the abolition of which the miners are contesting. The "check-off" system is used only in the bituminous field and the system comprises the collection of union dues from the wages of the miners by the coal producers. These funds under an old agreement are then turned over to the union officials.

FLOODS IN CHEMUNG; ELMIRA MAN DROWNED

Farmer and Team Perish in Attempt to Ford River.

ELMIRA, Nov. 2.—When the Chemung River at Wellburg, near here, rose rapidly early to-night Harry Burt, a farmer, was drowned as he attempted to return by a ford from an island where he had been cutting timber. His two horses also were drowned.

Burt made two attempts to ford the stream, the second and fatal effort being seen by neighbors, who tried to warn him.

All streams in this section rose rapidly to-night and railroads are using extra precautions.

MOTOR VEHICLE DEATHS INCREASE TO 9,000 IN YEAR

Automobile Less Dangerous Than in 1915, However, as Fatalities for Each 1,000 Machines Decline to 1.2—New York Third in Rate by States.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 2.—Deaths from accidents caused by automobiles and other motor vehicles, excluding motorcycles, increased decidedly in 1920, as compared with 1919, the Census Bureau announced to-day. The deaths due to motor vehicles last year averaged within the death registration area of the United States 10.4 per cent. for each 100,000 of population, as compared with 9.4 per cent. in 1919.

Approximately 9,000 persons were killed last year by motor vehicles in the death registration area, which comprises 82 per cent. of the population of the United States. The bureau's figures, however, show that the automobile is not nearly so dangerous as it was in its early days. In 1915 there were two deaths to every 1,000 motor vehicles, while last year the ratio was 1.2 per cent.

The death rate from motor vehicle accidents last year was highest in California, amounting to 21.1 per cent. for each 100,000 population. Connecticut, with a rate of 15.6, ranked second, and New York and Washington, with rates of 13.5, tied for third place.

Among cities the death rate was highest in Youngstown, Ohio, being 26.7 per cent. for each 100,000 population. Memphis, with a rate of 24.8 per cent., was a close second, and Hartford, Conn., and Los Angeles, with rates of 25.7 and 24.1 per cent. respectively, followed.

CHECK-OFF ABANDONED; SOFT COAL STRIKE NEAR

Pittsburgh Association Repudiates Part of Covenant.

SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE NEW YORK HERALD.

PITTSBURGH, Nov. 2.—A strike of Western bituminous coal miners, which officials of the Mine Workers Union, with only 15,000 of the 40,000 men employed, say they are trying desperately to avert, may follow action of the Pittsburgh Coal Producers Association to-day in voting to discontinue at once the practice of making deductions from the pay of mine workers for union purposes, the so-called "check-off."

Notice was sent to Robert R. Gibbons, president of District No. 5, United Mine Workers, which embraces Western Pennsylvania, by R. W. Gardiner, Commissioner of Pittsburgh Coal Producers Association, saying:

"You are hereby notified that the operators represented by the Pittsburgh Coal Producers Association, by reason of the injunction issued by the Hon. A. B. Anderson, Judge of the District Court of the United States for the district of Indiana, on October 31, 1921, a copy of which is enclosed herewith, enjoining the carrying out of the check-off provision, section 25, of the contract between the association and the United Mine Workers of America, District No. 5, and in view of his opinion filed in said proceeding hereby declare their intention of obeying said order, and can no longer carry out the provisions of section 25 of the contract."

LEDoux FORCED TO SHUT BOSTON CHURCH-HOTEL

City Refuses to Shelter Jobless, He Complains.

BOSTON, Nov. 2.—The Church of the Unemployed, a hotel for men without work which was established in the West End recently by Urban Ledoux, was closed to-day. A sign across the building announced that it was "closed until Boston regains its sense of God."

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REFORMS SUGGESTED AT WHITE PLAINS JAIL

Prison Commission Would Have Visitors' Room.

ALTHOUGH there have been few escapes from the Westchester county jail at White Plains, this circumstance is due rather to the disinclination of prisoners to attempt flight than to vigilance on the part of the authorities, according to the findings of the State Prison Commission, which recently completed an inspection of the jail.

The prisoners are allowed to talk to visitors from their cells, the report states, and while some of the male visitors are given a quick "frisk" the women visitors are not searched at all, and might easily deliver to the inmates drugs, tools or weapons. The commission recommended the establishment of a visiting room where visitors could see prisoners behind a screen.

GIRL ACCUSES COP OF HITTING HER IN EYE

Struck Her by Mistake, He Tells Magistrate.

Miss Katherine Larsen, a telephone operator, of 142 Hamilton avenue, Brooklyn, took off a pair of smoked glasses in Fifth avenue court yesterday, revealing a discolored right eye, and accused Patrolman John Cullen of 292 Columbia street of having hit her last Sunday, when she refused to act as bridesmaid for his sister, Julia, whose wedding took place that day.

"That wasn't it at all," said Patrolman Cullen. "I hit her by mistake. I was half asleep, and I heard someone say something about my sister. I didn't like, so I poked out, and, being dozy, I swung wild."

Magistrate Reynolds paroled Cullen for a hearing to-day.

NOTICES OF RAIL PAY CUTS DUE THIS WEEK

Operating Officials Meet To-day to Consider Data on Living Costs.

CONFERENCE NEXT STEP

Reductions Unlikely to Come to Head Before Labor Board for Three Months.

Operating and supervisory officials of all railroads east of the Mississippi River and north of the Ohio will meet to-day at Grand Central Terminal to discuss data on living costs and the rates of wages for skilled and unskilled classes of workers in non-transportation industries.

Following a session of the executive committee of the Bureau of Eastern Railway Information, it was said yesterday that the work of gathering information necessary to the drawing up of new wage schedules was so near completion that many railroads will be in position to publish within a week notices of the proposed pay cuts and to arrange for conferences with representatives of their employees. Unless the managements agree upon simultaneous announcements, it is believed that the first notification will be made by the Pennsylvania Railroad.

ARCHITECT'S SON HELD ON CHARGE OF LARCENY

\$1,750 in Jewels and \$250 Bonds Involved in Case.

William Lincoln, son of Lawrence Lincoln, an architect living in Elm street, Woodmere, was held without bail in New Jersey Avenue Court, Brooklyn, yesterday on a charge of grand larceny. Lincoln, whose age was given as 18, was described by the police as a former divinity student. It was said he studied at Pennington Theological Seminary, and despatches from Trenton, N. J., last night said there was a student of that name in the school a year ago. He was arrested at the Hotel Pennsylvania, it was said.

The complainant against Lincoln was Mrs. Mary Sullivan, a friend of the Lincoln family, at whose home in Brooklyn he spent several days a week ago. A cash box containing \$1,750 worth of jewelry and \$250 in Liberty bonds was missing from the house, Mrs. Sullivan said. According to the police report, most of the jewelry and some of the bonds were recovered when the arrest was made. The prisoner's father was not present at his arraignment.

COAST GUARD CUTTER CALLS FOR ASSISTANCE

Tallapoosa Breaks Propeller Shaft Off Florida Coast.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Nov. 2.—The Coast Guard cutter Yamacraw left port to-day in response to a wireless report from her sister ship, the Tallapoosa, that she had broken her propeller shaft while towing a derelict schooner off the Florida coast.

Marine men said the Tallapoosa was in no danger while the weather remained as good as to-day and as forecasts for to-morrow predicted, although the vessel probably was drifting.

THE BO-LO HOTEL IN PITTSFIELD SOLD.

The Wendell With Adjoining Property Brings \$500,000.

SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE NEW YORK HERALD.

PITTSFIELD, Mass., Nov. 2.—The Wendell, one of the best known hotels in the Berkshires, was sold here to-day with adjoining property, consisting of three blocks, by the Wendell Hotel Company, to Napoleon A. Campbell of Greenfield, Mass. The price was \$500,000.

Mr. Campbell has been manager of the Wendell Hotel at Greenfield for eight years.

ROBBED OF GEMS BY GIRL ASSAILANT

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that this was not true. But the cloth was sufficient to blind her and was pressed tightly enough against her mouth to prevent an outcry.

"If you keep quiet," the young woman's voice said, "you will not be hurt. I am sorry I have to do this, for I've known you a long time. But circumstances make it necessary."

Mrs. Nafal said, according to the police, that she told the woman that she would not fight. She explained to the police that she was very much frightened, as she feared she would be killed.

"Take what I have," she said, "but don't hurt me."

The young woman then took Mrs. Nafal by the arm and led her into the library of the apartment, after tying the towel tightly about her head. There she said she was told to lie on the floor, which she did, and to keep quiet, which she did also. Then the young woman leaned over her and removed her rings.

According to Mrs. Nafal's story to the police the woman took from her a quart ring worth \$250, a sapphire and diamond ring worth \$500, a wrist watch and platinum bracelet worth more than \$700, a diamond and sapphire brooch worth \$200 and a purse in which she had \$50 in cash.

"She took my wedding ring also," said Mrs. Nafal, "but she gave it back to me. She also returned my purse after taking the money out of it."

Told of Man in Room.

After she had put all of the jewels in her own handbag, the woman said to Mrs. Nafal:

"Lie there quietly. I have a man in the next room who will help me if you try to fight or get away."

Then Mrs. Nafal heard the woman leaving. She heard two voices, one being that of a man, and then the door of the apartment slammed. She waited a few minutes, then jerked the towel from her head and called the apartment house janitor on the telephone.

The police were notified and Mrs. Nafal and her husband, Michael, went to the West Sixty-eighth street police station and told this story to Detective Keenan.

The detective learned that Mrs. Donaldson and the unmarried daughter who lives with her had been away from their apartment during the entire day. They returned home last night and told the detective that they had given no one permission to enter their apartment, and that they had no idea at all who it was that asked Mrs. Nafal to come there and then had robbed her.

The married daughter of Mrs. Donaldson usually dined with her mother and sister on Wednesday nights, but last night she did not appear, and she was not to be found at her home by reporters or detectives. The police say that they would like to question her, to see if she talked to any one about the hats she had for Mrs. Nafal. Whoever she talked to, if any one, the police believe, might have committed the crime.

EXPEDITION SEEKS KAMCHATKA HOARDS

Vladivostok Refuses to Recognize Claims of Chita Government There.

VLADIVOSTOK, Nov. 2.—An expedition to the rich country of Kamchatka is being prepared by the Vladivostok Government, which does not recognize the claim of the Chita Government that the peninsula has been turned over to the jurisdiction of the Soviet. A broad investigation of the industrial and general economic resources of the region is the object of the proposed expedition. The report is current that the Bolsheviks have secretly stored a large amount of gold and furs in Kamchatka.

The first landing will probably be Okhotsk. The situation in this port is at present peculiar. After the coup of April, when 200 armed partisans occupied the old town, the original residents were driven out to a place called Buligin, fifteen miles off, where they established themselves under the leadership of Mr. Sentyapoff, the political commissar of the maritime movement.

The partisans, consisting chiefly of refugees from Yakutsk are working gold in the mines of Pogelman and Kolskoff. There are about 1,000 Cossacks who are not participating in the political discord of the two Russian groups. A Japanese transport, which called at Okhotsk in June, landed a detachment which adopted a neutral attitude toward the two Russian factions. Some of the employees of the fisheries in Okhotsk, who were unable to leave the region for the winter, as no ship arrived to take them, spent the season in Okhotsk and left it when the partisans occupied the town. They were living in Taisk, 250 miles from Okhotsk.

At Petropavlovsk, on Kamchatka, the power is in the hands of a local Soviet, headed by a certain engineer, Dobrovolsky, who does not recognize the existing governments of Moscow, Chita or Vladivostok. For the last three years furs and gold were not exported from Kamchatka in big quantities, and it is expected that big stocks can be found.

The expedition will undertake a march in the interior of the Okhotsk region toward Yakutsk. According to information the Tunguzes of the Yakutsk region are strongly opposed to the partisans and Communism. In case a connection with the Yakutsk region will be arranged, there are prospects of establishing trade relations.

The Japanese, of course, know all about the expedition, and have apparently placed no obstacles in the way. The coast of Kamchatka is patrolled by Japanese warships and many Russians fear that Japanese occupation of Sakhalin Island may extend to Kamchatka.

UNEMPLOYED ARMY THINNED 1,000,000

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sent to the permanent committee on unemployment when it meets Friday. The permanent committee, which was appointed following adjournment of the national conference on unemployment, will organize and appoint committees at its New York meeting, which will be the first it has held. Special committees will undertake to advise the national

business men on a programme for the elimination of seasonal unemployment. Members of the permanent committee are Julius H. Barnes, Miss Ida M. Tarbell, Mary Van Kleeck, Clarence Mott Woolley, Col. Arthur Woods, all of New York; Mayor Andrew J. Peters and William M. Butler of Boston; C. H. Markham, Chicago; O. M. Poston, Columbus; Ernest T. Trigg, Philadelphia; Edgar E. Clark, Joseph H. DeFries and Matthew Wolf of Washington and Mortimer Fleischacker of San Francisco.

TWO INCH SNOW IN MAINE.

Houlton, Me., Nov. 2.—Two inches of snow fell to-day in Aroostook county. It was the first fall of the season in New England, except for flurries.

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